



# State of Indiana

# Senate

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Dear Constituent of Senate District 4,

As a resident of Lake or Porter County, it is likely that you have recently received the Notice of Assessment and your property tax bill, or they are on their way to you soon. I understand both counties have completed reassessment and are notifying property owners of the new assessed values of their homes.

It is important that you check your "Form 11-Notice of Assessment" for accuracy. When you receive your property tax bill, review it carefully to ensure that you are receiving all of the deductions, exemptions and credits for which you may qualify.

Each county in Indiana is responsible for conducting the reassessment of properties and for working with property owners to resolve any disputes. If you are concerned that the value of your new assessment is too high, you are afforded an opportunity to discuss and, if necessary, dispute the assessment through the state's appeal process. The enclosed brochure outlines this process and what you should consider before beginning a formal appeal. Please be aware that the General Assembly is considering changes to simplify this appeal process.

I understand the concern of many homeowners, including myself, who have seen the assessed values of their homes increase. This is not an effort on the part of your state government to raise more revenue through property taxes. In fact, the state receives less than one-half of one percent of the property tax homeowners pay. County officials who have completed reassessment inform us that more than half of the relief provided by the General Assembly was diffused by local property tax increases imposed by schools, city, county, township and other local officials who passed along property tax increases through levies.

I support legislation that includes provisions to assist taxpayers, as well as measures to curb local government spending and place controls on local officials' abilities to initiate tax increases (through a levy, which is a form of taxation) that negatively impact the state budget and increase your property taxes.

This restructuring package, passed by the legislature, reduced property taxes by more than \$1 billion. Again, you and I are unable to recognize the state's reduction because of increases imposed by local governing officials. Additional property tax relief is being considered now as we begin our regular session early, such as extending the May deadline for applying for the Homestead Credit to December so more Hoosiers can take advantage of deductions and exemptions.

I will continue to work toward a more equitable and fair tax system that better serves Hoosiers. I believe Indiana's property tax system is regressive and I plan to, at the very least, work to make significant improvements in the present system. Hoosier homeowners deserve meaningful relief in the burden of property taxes they now face.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns regarding this and other issues facing our state. Wishing the very best to you and your family this holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rose Ann".

State Senator Rose Ann Antich-Carr  
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